

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3413
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH, 2017**

EXPANSION OF SERVICES BY BSNL

†3413. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently decided to expand the scope of the service of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether BSNL is likely to sign an agreement regarding 5G and Internet of Things (IOT) technology during the current month; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) & (b) No proposal of expanding of scope of the service of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is under consideration.

(c) & (d) BSNL has recently signed a Memorandum of Undertaking (MoU) with M/s Nokia Solutions and Network India Private Limited on 28th February, 2017 with an objective to discuss and conduct workshop on the network evolution to 5G and internet of things (IOT). This includes sharing of 5G technology concepts, new product launches and innovations available in the public domain. The MoU is effective from 28.02.2017 till 31.12.2017, thereby extendable upon mutual agreement between the two parties.
